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SUBJECT: POLISARIO AT LOURENCO MARQUES ALC MEETING

REF: ADDIS ABABA 1363, NOUAKCHOTT 0160

1. MOROCCAN AMBASSADOR JAMAI ACCREDITED TO ETHIOPIA AND OAU WHO, WE BELIEVE, LED HIS DELEGATION AT LM-ALC MEETING, GAVE POL COUNSELOR FOLLOWING ACCOUNT (FEB. 5) OF ALC'S DECISION RECOMMEND TO UPCOMING OAU CM "RECOGNITION" OF POLISARIO FRONT AS BONA FIED LIBERATION MOVEMENT.

2. FROM OUTSET, MOROCCANS AND MAURITANIANS FOUND THAT ALGERIANS (SAHNOUN) HAD PREARRANGED ORCHESTRATION OF PRO-POLISHARIO SPEAKERS. THESE WERE GIVEN FLOOR SERIATIM OVER MOROCCAN-MAURITANIAN OBJECTIONS. SPEAKERS PREDICTABLY REPRESENTED GOVERNMENTS OF CONGO BRAZZAVILLE, GUINEA, GUINEA BISSAU AND TANZANIA. MOZAMBICANS PROVIDED "ULTRA" ATOMSPHERE AND
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ELABORATE FACILITIES FOR POLISARIO REPS WHO ARRIVED IN

LM AS MEMBERS OF ALGERIAN DELEGATION--ON BOARD SAME
AIRCRAFT AS MOROCCANS.

3. MOROCCANS MADE THEIR STAND WHEN ALGERIANS ATTEMPTED
BRING POLISARIO TYPES INTO MEETING. CRUX OF MOROCCAN
POSITION WAS THAT POLISARIO REPRESENTED "INTERNAL
MOROCCAN OPPOSITION." PRECEDENT WHICH WOULD BE SET BY
"RECOGNIZING" SUCH A GROUP AS BONA FIDE LIBERATION MOVE-
MENT WAS ONE AFRICA COULD NOT AFFORD.

4. RULING ON ALC RECOMMENDATIONS THEN MADE ON BASIS OF
/CONSENSUS," MOROCCAN AMBASSADOR SAID, ADDING QUICKLY
THAT CONSENSUS APPEARED LIMITED TO PRO-ALGERIAN.
MOROCCANS AND MAURITANIANS THEREUPON WALKED OUT. DEBATE
CONTINUED AFTER WALKOUT, JAMAI SAID, WITH SENEGALESE,
ZAIROIS AND OTHERS STRONGLY SUPPORTING MOROCCAN/MAURITANIAN
POSITION.

5. JAMAI EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE THAT "RECOMMENDATION"
WOULD FALL OF ITS OWN WEIGHT AT OAU CM. "ANYWAY IT'S THE
SITUATION ON THE GROUND THAT COUNTS."

6. COMMENT: WE ARE NOT AS SANGUINE AS JAMAI ON OUTCOME
IN OAU CM. "MODERATES" HAVE LOST GROUND IN ANGOLAN CON-
TEXT AND "RADICALS" WILL HAVE WIND IN THEIR SAILS.
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